AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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Title: MYOSTATIN IMMUNOCONJUGATE

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In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

- 1. (Currently Amended) A myostatin immunoconjugate emprising consisting of a mature form of vertebrate myostatin polypeptide linked to a carrier, wherein the mature form of vertebrate myostatin optionally contains a peptide useful for purification or identification.
- 2. (Currently Amended) The immunoconjugate of claim 1 which comprises wherein the vertebrate myostatin is an avian myostatin polypeptide.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The immunoconjugate of claim 2 which comprises wherein the vertebrate myostatin is a turkey myostatin polypeptide comprising consisting of SEQ ID NO:2.
- 4. (Cancelled)
- 5. (Original) The immunoconjugate of claim 1 wherein the carrier is keyhole limpet hemocyanin.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The immunoconjugate of claim 1 which emprises consists of a fusion polypeptide of the peptide and mature form of vertebrate myostatin and the carrier.
- 7. (Original) A vaccine or immunogenic composition comprising the immunoconjugate of claim 1.
- 8. (Original) The vaccine or immunogenic composition of claim 7 which comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
- 29. (New) The immunoconjugate of claim 1 wherein the peptide is glutathione-S-transferase.